

## Iron County Register

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BRANTON, MISSOURI

The Irish linen industry is booming as it has not flourished in years, largely on the expanding exports to the United States.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1905, the bureau of engraving and printing had issued to the post office, and the post office had disposed of the whole issue, 6,000,000 postage stamps.

Cotton was king in 1905—a record year for the production, and a spectacular year in speculation. The total crop of the season was 12,556,000 bales. American spinners took 4,550,000 bales and 8,887,000 bales were exported.

The largest nugget of gold ever found of which there is any record was taken out of the Byer and Hamilton Mine, Hill End, New South Wales, May 10, 1872. It was found at a depth of 250 feet, embedded in a thick wall of blue slate. It was 57 inches long, 20 inches wide and about 4 inches in thickness and weighed 646 pounds. It was valued at \$248,000.

During the last year the United States produced an enormous amount of gold. It was a banner year for the gold mines of the United States and the Transvaal particularly. The year's yield of gold in the world amounted to about \$75,000,000 from all sources of supply. Of this amount the United States produced \$90,000,000.

The new water works which are being discussed at Los Angeles will cost \$36,000,000, according to estimates by Frank H. Olmstead. This is an enormous sum for a city of 105,000 population to pay for such works, and this amount is due to the \$26,500,000 which the conduit, over 250 miles long, will cost. In order to construct the conduit it will be advisable, Mr. Olmstead says, to build a railway costing over \$5,000,000 along the line and to erect three 600-barrel cement mills.

Officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. have changed the original date for the opening of the new subway in that city, and now expect to inaugurate the service on December 21. The two parts of the work that will require the utmost energy, if they are to be finished by that date, are the changing of the grade of the lines west of the river to admit the surface tracks to the bridge over the Schuylkill, and the big station under the surface of Market street from 15th to 16th streets.

According to recent statistics, the length of the railroads of the world was 537,105 miles on December 31, 1904, of which 270,386 miles were in America, 187,776 in Europe, 46,592 in Asia, 15,649 miles in Africa and 16,702 miles in Australia. Of the mileage of European railroad Germany stands first (24,016), followed in their order by Russia (23,286), France (23,226), Austria-Hungary (24,261), the United Kingdom (22,592), Italy (10,925), Spain (8,556), Sweden and Norway (7,730).

There seems to be an epidemic of polariats, judging from the many plans of audacious and death-defying men who would carry the pole by assault since strategy has failed. The old-fashioned way of steaming as far as possible and then using dogs has gone out of style. Now is it airships and autos that will be used to conquer the last bit of obstinate space yet defying man. Walter Wellman will use the airship method and will be able to start when summer comes. The Duke of Abruzzi, who has been farthest north of any man, will try again to reach the pole.

The Smoke Abatement League of Cincinnati has issued an appeal to the citizenship for substantial aid and comfort in the work of ridding Cincinnati of the heavy pall of smoke hanging over the city from Price Hill to Walnut Hills. Owing to the topography of Cincinnati the work of abating the smoke nuisance is more difficult than in other cities. The western hills prevent the winds from dissipating the smoke, save on rare occasions, and under certain atmospheric conditions. Electricity and natural gas may solve the problem.

Martin Kellar, a waiter in a Seattle cafe, a few weeks ago overheard guests at his table discussing the chances of making a fortune in Tacoma tide lands. Having saved up \$2,000, Kellar boarded the next train and secured an option on a block of tide lands, and in a few days afterward received an offer from the Union Pacific of \$60,000 for the block of lands. He cleared up \$60,000 on his investment, but has gone back to his old business as a waiter. He finds that tips are sometimes more valuable than those who gave them are aware.

Henceforward, so far as Belgium is concerned, absolute, under all and any circumstances, is contraband. The stigma of the law is upon it. Efforts have several times been made to suppress the use of absinthe in the country, and recently, despite all opposition from the manufacturers and retailers interested, a prohibitory bill has passed both houses of the legislature. In the senate the bill was passed by 92 votes to 2. The act is very far-reaching. It prohibits the importation, manufacture, transport, sale or storing for sale.

Trade between the United States and Germany in the fiscal year 1905 aggregated over 300 million dollars. The imports from Germany were 118 million dollars in value and exceeded imports from that country in any earlier year. The exports to Germany were 184 million dollars in value and exceeded our exports to that country in any earlier year except 1904, in which the total was a little over 214 millions, this decrease in 1905, compared with 1904, having occurred in raw cotton and being due altogether to a fall in price.



## TWENTY DAYS UNDERGROUND

THIRTEEN COURRIERES MINE VICTIMS RESCUED.

Were Taken Out Alive After Having Been Entombed Twenty Days—All Well But One.

Lens, France.—Thirteen of the miners who were entombed in the Courrieres mine at the time of the great fire disaster there March 10, were taken alive from the mine early Friday by a searching party, which was engaged in exploring the mine.

The men had lived 20 days shut off from the light and almost deprived of air. With one exception they were all well when reached by the rescuers, although they could not have lived much longer. The rescued miners were taken from shaft No. 2. As the searching party was engaged in this shaft noises were heard. The explorers called out, and there were answers to their shouts. They began digging hurriedly in the direction from which the answers came, and finally dug out the miners. They were quickly taken back to the foot of the shaft and lifted to the ground above.

When they were shut off from escape by the explosion and fire which followed, the miners took refuge in a stable used for the mules employed in the mine. They had subsisted for days on the lanches of their dead comrades which had been taken down the day of the disaster. With this food exhausted, they resorted to eating wheat and oats which were kept in the stable for the mules. Water was also found, and the miners managed to sustain life.

There was little nourishment, however, in this food, and it would only have been a question of hours when the men must have succumbed. One man was already in a serious condition, but the others were well.

One of the rescued miners was a boy of 14, who had endured the hardships to which all had been subjected with all the courage manifested by his seniors.

**DENY VIOLATION OF LAW**  
That Will Be the Defense of the Standard Oil Co. in the State of Missouri.

New York.—Attorney-General H. S. Hadley is on his way back to St. Louis, confident that his ouster suit against Standard Oil in the Missouri supreme court is won by the strong evidence he obtained from the trust officials in the hearing which has just closed here.

He will resume the hearing in St. Louis April 5, when H. Clay Pierce is expected to testify.

The Standard's defense, according to Attorney Frank Hagerman, now also journeying west, will be a contention that, admitting the facts established by Mr. Hadley, the law of Missouri is not broken.

**STEVE ADAMS' "HELL FIRE"**

Four of the Five Bottles of Greek Fire Cashed by Steve Adams Found at Pocatello, Idaho.

Pocatello, Idaho.—Four out of the five bottles of Steve Adams' "hell fire" were found shortly before six o'clock Wednesday evening. Last spring a man working in the old sawmill found the tin box. He opened one of the bottles and was badly burned. After that he buried the box in a pile of cinders outside. After being found he pointed out the spot in the old mill where they were first discovered. It was the exact spot where Adams began digging when taken there to recover the bottles.

**Says Wife and Self on Street.**  
Brazil, Ind.—In a fit of insane jealousy, Thomas Douglas, aged 36, a railroad conductor, shot his wife dead on the street, and then sent a bullet through his own heart. The couple's four-year-old son picked up the weapon and carried it home.

**Tuskegee to Get Big Gift.**

New York.—A clause in the will of the late Andrew J. Dwyer, retired, of South Orange, N. J., provides that at the death of his widow Tuskegee institute, in Alabama, will receive nearly \$700,000.

**Two Blocks Burned.**  
Anburn, N. Y.—Fire entirely destroyed the Temple Court block, occupied by the E. N. Ross Grocery Co., and the Columbus block, adjoining, causing a loss estimated at \$175,000. Chief Engineer Jewhurst of the fire department was severely injured.

**Woman Killed by Fall.**  
Quincy, Ill.—Wednesday Mrs. John R. Griffin, fell down a flight of stairs and was killed. She was "cleaning house" in preparation for her son's wedding.

## IS MOST THROUGH ANYHOW

Missouri Supreme Court Annals Reversal of the People's United States Bank.

St. Louis.—The Missouri supreme court in Jefferson City reversed Friday the action of the St. Louis county circuit court in appointing Fred Essen receiver for the \$2,500,000 People's United States bank, of which E. G. Lewis is president.

An opinion defining the scope of the decision will not be handed down for several weeks. The decision means, lawyers say, the end of Essen's receivership, and replaces the affairs of the bank in the hands of the directors. It is said, however, that the directors can not continue the operation of a bank without obtaining a new charter and starting anew.

Receiver Essen, when told by a reporter that the supreme court had set aside the receivership, said:

"Good. I'm glad of it. I'm about through with the bank, anyhow. What do I mean? Merely that every debt has been paid, the depositors have got every dollar due them and there's only between \$35,000 and \$40,000 stock outstanding.

"We've made two payments on the stock, the first 50 cents on the dollar, the second 35 cents. We are paying out 85 cents on the dollar.

**WOULD ESCAPE DISGRACE**  
Fifteen Year Old Girl, On Finding Her Lover Was Married, Takes Poison.

St. Louis.—Miss Mamie Ellerbeck, 15 years old, learning that the man for whom she had run away from home was married, took carbolic acid at the Hotel Comfort, Twentieth and Market streets, Thursday afternoon. She is at the city hospital in a serious condition.

In her hand was clutched a note which read: "Take me at once to my mother. Mrs. E. Ellerbeck, 5520 Magnolia avenue."

The police had been searching for the girl for several days. Her mother alleges that the girl ran away with James J. Fowler, a letter carrier, who is married.

"The disgrace is awful! I only learned that he was married this morning," said the girl, to the wife of the hotel proprietor, who found her.

The police have not been able to locate Fowler.

**SMELTING PLANT DAMAGED**  
The Penn Wyoming Copper Co's Plant at Grand Encampment, Wyo., Almost Destroyed.

Grand Encampment, Wyo.—The great copper smelting plant of the Penn Wyoming Copper Co., was almost completely destroyed by fire Wednesday, entailing a loss estimated at from \$300,000 to \$500,000; partially covered by insurance. The smelter building was saved after a hard fight made by the fire department. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as the plant had been closed down for the winter on account of the deep snow and improvements under way.

**CHRISTIAN HERALD'S WORK**

Another Check For \$25,000 Sent To the State Department For the Japanese Famine Fund.

Washington.—The New York Christian Herald, Friday, sent in another check for \$25,000 to the state department through the Red Cross for transport to Japan for the relief of famine sufferers. This makes the total remittance from this source \$125,000.

**University Building Burned.**  
Moscow, Idaho.—The large central building of the University of Idaho was completely destroyed by fire early Friday. Other buildings composing the institution were not damaged, but owing to the limited fire-fighting apparatus, had narrow escapes.

**Man Fatally Slashed in Duel.**  
St. Joseph, Mo.—In a desperate duel with knives in South St. Joseph, Dan Kelly, alias Jack Welch, was fatally slashed, his throat being cut from ear to ear. The other duelist escaped and is unknown.

**Declared Unconstitutional.**  
Jefferson City, Mo.—An important decision was rendered by the supreme court Friday holding the township organization law of the state to be unconstitutional. The decision affects about forty counties organized under the law.

**Burned to Death in Hotel Fire.**  
Shreveport, La.—As result of a fire of unknown origin early Friday, which destroyed the Blasingame hotel at Atlanta, La., a guest named Black from Sherman, Tex., was burned to death.

## HAILED WITH SATISFACTION

FRENCH PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELL PLEASED.

While France Did Not Secure All She Wanted at Algeiras, Her Degree of Success Is Considered Fair.

Paris.—The agreement reached at Algeiras is hailed with satisfaction by officials and by the public press, which is weary of the prolonged controversy and the disturbing possibilities of war. The view in official circles is that France secures a fair degree of success on the principal questions relating to the police and state bank. However, it is recognized that neither France nor Germany has secured all that was wanted. France's desire to have control of the police was partially realized in her being allowed to police the important Atlantic ports including Mogador, which Germany was suspected as coveting, and also with her ally, Spain, to police Tangier and Casa Blanca.

On the other hand, it is thought that Germany's desire to internationalize Morocco was partly realized, as the Franco-Spanish police is subordinated to an inspector who will report to the diplomatic corps. Thus both countries, in a measure, were successful, but each is so safeguarded that neither will be able to claim a victory. France's pacific penetration of Morocco, it is thought, is remotely postponed, as it is likewise to the cream of the vast northwest African empire. Aside from the details of the great achievement, the officials consider that the agreement between France and Germany assures the preservation of the peace of Europe.

## RECKLESS AUTOMOBILISTS

A St. Louis Woman Killed and Her Aged Sister Probably Fatally Hurt at New Rochelle, N. Y.

New York.—Mrs. Alvin Stein of St. Louis, was fatally injured, and her sister, Mrs. George Kuchler, of New Rochelle, probably fatally hurt in that village, Sunday, by being struck by an automobile. Mrs. Stein had come on to attend the celebration of her sister's seventy-third birthday anniversary.

The women were walking in the roadway and did not hear the approach of the automobile which struck them, and in which were riding two men and three women. Mrs. Stein and Mrs. Kuchler were hurled with terrific force against the stone abutments of a railroad bridge. Mrs. Kuchler's skull was fractured and she suffered serious internal injuries. Mrs. Stein's left arm was broken and crushed and she also suffered internal injuries. Both were taken to a hospital, where Mrs. Stein died a few hours later.

After the act the automobile was driven away at a rapid rate. The police claim to have the number of car and are trying to trace its ownership.

## SENATOR DEPEW'S ILLNESS

Very Little Is Known About It, So Closely Is He Kept in Retirement.

New York.—The Herald says: "Promises that Senator Dewey would return to his place in the senate by this time have not been fulfilled for the reason that hopes of his family for a complete restoration of his health have been disappointed. He is still in retirement on the Elliott F. Shepard estate, back of Scarborough-on-Hudson, where he has been in seclusion for a month since he suddenly left Washington.

"So closely is the senator guarded that only a few persons living in the immediate neighborhood are able to say from their own knowledge that he is in the 'villa,' as the house is known.

## THEY REPUDIATED DOWIE

His Followers in Zion, Even to His Wife and Son, Cast Their Lot With the New Leader.

Chicago.—At a great meeting, Sunday, of 5,000 adherents of the Christian Catholic church at Zion city, of which John Alexander Dowie is the founder and first apostle, Dowie's authority was repudiated and Wilbur Glenn Voliva, who for some time has been conducting the affairs of the church, elected in his stead. Mrs. Dowie also repudiated her husband, and their son, Gladstone Dowie, cast his lot with his mother and the new leader, Voliva.

## Plotting Jewish Massacre.

St. Petersburg.—It is said the reactionaries are bent upon avenging their defeat at the polls by organizing massacres of Jews. Despite the use of the knot, the rack and the dungeon, the returns indicate a liberal landslide in the duoma elections now in progress. Fraud and the reign of terror instituted by the authorities have made the vote smaller than it should have been, but have not altered the results. The constitutionalists, it is reported, are triumphing everywhere.

**Fearing Prison, Attempted Suicide.**  
St. Louis.—Saturday, Arthur Caldwell, aged 21, having two years to serve in the penitentiary, attempted to hang himself in his cell in jail. He was discovered by John Kilcullen, a trusty, who called the guards, and he was prevented from doing himself harm.

**Indicted For Double Killing.**  
Edwardsville, Ill.—Madison grand jury returned two indictments against Joseph Nolan, charged with killing William Sonnett and Fred Helms.

**Sperm Whale in North Pacific.**  
Victoria, B. C.—The British steam whaler Orion, operating on the west coast of Vancouver island, landed a 100-barrel sperm whale, which is said to be the first of its kind caught in the north Pacific ocean.

**Convicted in Ten Minutes.**  
Guthrie, Okla.—Saturday a jury in the district court convicted John McKee of burglary within ten minutes after his trial was commenced. Judge Irwin gave him three years in the penitentiary.

## BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY

A Sustained Speed of 19.15 Knots an Hour For Four Hours—Minor Tests Satisfactory.

Boston.—The splendid performance, Thursday, of the battleship New Jersey, in maintaining a speed of 19.15 knots an hour in a four-hour endurance run off the New England coast, coupled with her remarkable speed, Wednesday, over a measured mile off Rockland, Me., at a 19.48-knot-an-hour gait, places this product of the Fore River Shipbuilding Co. at the head of all American-built battleships, so far as speed is concerned.

It was ascertained on her standardization trial, off Rockland, that an average revolution of her propellers of 125.52 per minute was sufficient to drive the 15,000-ton battleship through the water at her contract speed of 19 knots an hour. Thursday her average revolutions per minute reached 126.297, and from these figures the trial board announced that she had made an average of 19.18 knots an hour, compared with 19.01 made by the Rhode Island and 19.00 by the Virginia, sister ships, at their trials a few months ago.

At one time the New Jersey's speed reached 19.278 knots an hour for a period of 15 minutes, while her lowest for a similar period was 18.960.

The weather conditions were favorable. Shortly after the conclusion of the run the minor tests of turning, stopping and full speed astern were held and pronounced by the trial board to be successful.

## THE NEVER-CEASING FLOOD

Seven Steamship Loads of Europeans Arrive at New York—Ellis Island Crowded.

New York.—Over eleven thousand immigrants arrived in the harbor of New York Thursday on board seven steamships from European ports. This number is the record for a single day which has been made thus far during the annual spring rush of immigration.

Ellis island, where these immigrants are examined, and either rejected or admitted to the United States, can care for less than half the day's arrivals, its limit being 5,000 daily.

Those who can not be landed will be kept in the harbor on their steamers until later in the week. The immigrants include the following nationalities: English, Irish, Germans, Swedes, Hungarians, Portuguese and Russians.

**Arrived With Smallpox.**

New York, March 30.—The steamer Rhein, which has arrived from Bremen with 276 cabin passengers and 2,399 steerage passengers, is detained at quarantine with smallpox on board. The patient, a steerage passenger, was in the ship's hospital under treatment nine days before arrival. He will be sent to a hospital.

## SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST

Six Men Arrested in Duluth, Minn., On Suspicion of Complicity in the Minneapolis Tragedy.

Duluth, Minn.—A half dozen suspects have been arrested here in the Minneapolis sextette murder case. Those arrested say there were only six people in the house where the crime was committed when they left Monday afternoon. The leader of the party is Kaeman, the same man who rented the house. His wife is with him. Two small boys in the party are his son and nephew. Kaeman says that the Demetris were brothers. Two of the dead are believed to have been named Demetri.

## THE BANK'S CAPITAL GONE

The Cashier Is Alleged to Have Appropriated It and Made Tracks for Mexico.

San Antonio, Tex.—The fugitive, Thomas E. Lory, cashier of the First National bank of West, is charged in an affidavit in the federal court with having absconded with the capital stock of the bank, \$25,000. He is believed to be in Mexico.

The bank at West was closed last Monday by the comptroller of the currency.

## FEARFUL MINE DISASTER

Two Hundred and Fifty Japanese Miners Killed by Explosion Near Nagasaki.

Tokyo, Japan.—By an explosion in the Takashima coal mine near Nagasaki, Wednesday, 250 miners were killed.

## Retracts Robbery Story.

St. Louis.—Miss Nina Virginia Brandt, whose disappearance last Saturday started sensational stories, returned to her home Thursday night, accompanied by her father, Rev. Dr. John L. Brandt, pastor of the First Christian church. Her mother had met her at Washington, Mo. Miss Brandt now says that the robbery story was a hallucination.

**Injured in Capitol Elevator.**  
Washington.—Mrs. Walters, of Denver, Col., was caught in the public elevator of the senate wing of the capitol and fatally injured, dying a few hours later.

**Ex-Auditor of Indiana Sued.**  
Indianapolis, Ind.—Thursday, Atty. Gen. Miller, acting on behalf of Gov. Hanly and Auditor Bigler, filed suit in the Boone county circuit court against A. C. Daly, ex-auditor of state, for \$30,000, which Gov. Hanly's experts say Daly illegally withheld from the insurance taxes.

**False Report Excites Filipinos.**  
Manila.—The absurd rumor that the Philippine islands are to be sold to Japan has reached Manila. The report has caused great excitement among the natives.

**Game Law Constitutional.**  
Jefferson City, Mo.—The state supreme court decides that the state law prohibiting the holding of game birds or having them in possession in the state and selling them is constitutional.

**Elections in Philippines.**  
Washington, D. C.—Further details received here of the election of governors for the provinces in the Philippines show that the nationalist party, which favors immediate independence, made substantial gains.

## A NOTED MISSOURI CASE

United States Supreme Court Doesn't Recognize Common Law Marriage of White and Negro.

Washington.—An important opinion was rendered by the supreme court, Monday, in the case of Ellis Keen vs. Sophronia Keen, involving a controversy over a small tract of land in St. Charles county, Missouri, to a half interest in which Mrs. Keen made claim, as the widow, and to all of which Ellis Keen made claim as a son of Ellis Keen by a negro common law wife. It appeared from the record in the case that as far back as 1851 Ellis Keen had begun to live with a negro woman as if she were his wife, and although no marriage ceremony was performed, the relation was continued until 1883. The woman was everywhere recognized as his wife, and several children, among them Ellis, were born to them and were recognized by both of them and by the community as their offspring. In 1883 Ellis Keen was married in West Virginia to Sophronia Keen, claiming that he had never before been married. When he died Mrs. Keen made claim to one-half of his estate as his widow, and the Missouri courts recognized the claim, deciding against the contention of a common law marriage to the negro woman. The opinion in the case was delivered by Justice Brown. The writ of error was dismissed. The effect is to affirm the decision of the Missouri courts.

## PETURBS LABOR LEADERS

They Think They See Method in the Enormous Influx of Alien Immigrants.

Washington.—The reported arrival of 25,000 immigrants at Ellis island last week has created alarm among labor leaders, particularly those in control of the mine workers. The charge has been made that many of the immigrants were being brought to this country in anticipation of a coal strike and that they will be used as strike breakers.

No evidence has been adduced to show that the coal operators or their agents had contracts with any of the immigrants. It is hinted, however, that "labor speculators" have paid their passage, given them the required entrance money and are taking the chances of their finding employment in the mines.

Instructions have been sent to Kansas City to ascertain the motives which prompted 127 Greeks to go to a single address there. There is a suspicion that they came under contract. Other inspectors have been sent to Indianapolis to learn the purposes of a large number of foreigners who had tickets to one address in that city.

## THE BANK FAILED TO OPEN

The Private Bank of Tels Smith & Co., At Pekin, Ill., Has Assigned—No Official Statement.

Pekin, Ill.—The two-score-year old private bank of Tels Smith & Co., in this city, failed to open for business, Monday, having assigned to State Senator U. J. Albertson as trustee. The trustee's bond is \$50,000. Trustee Albertson issued a statement in which he urged the creditors of the bank to avoid useless litigation, as it would only prolong a settlement of the bank's affairs.

No official statement of the assets and liabilities has yet been made. The liabilities, due to depositors and other banks, are said to be in excess of \$400,000, against which there are assets of about \$250,000, a portion of which are believed to be worthless. The failure is due to large sums of money advanced to the Smith wagon works and the Smith pulp shops at Pekin, two large industries.

## AFTER FOUR WEEKS' SEARCH

Thos. J. Walnwright, Who Robbed Dr. Plunkett, of Minneapolis, of \$100,000, Caught in New York.

New York.—After a steady pursuit of four weeks by the police of three cities, detectives, Monday, arrested Thomas J. Walnwright, describing himself as a lawyer, of Boston, who is charged with robbing the residence of Dr. Nicholas J. Pinault, of Minneapolis, of jewelry, silverware, pictures and securities to the value of \$100,000. Walnwright is known as one of the most accomplished criminals, under numerous aliases, in the country.

## Hostilities Imminent.

Moscow, Russia.—The Russian Slovo has received a sensational telegram from its correspondent at Harbin, Manchuria, saying that hostilities are imminent between the Russian and Chinese troops.

He intimates that the Chinese, influenced by Japan, are moving forward; that the situation is so tense that the Russian demoralization of troops has been stopped, and that Gen. Grodoff, the Russian commander-in-chief, had issued instructions to prepare for eventualities.

**Public Receipts and Expenditures.**  
Washington.—The regular monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures show that for the month of March, 1905, the total receipts were \$50,631,169 and the expenditures \$45,769,669, leaving a surplus of \$4,861,500.

**Swore at Her On His Fingers.**  
St. Louis.—Mrs. Mary Guss, who is deaf and dumb, has brought suit for divorce against Wm. E. Guss, also deaf and dumb. One of the allegations charged is that he swore at her—on his fingers.

**Probably Fatal Shooting Affray.**  
Springfield, Ill.—In a reckless shooting affray in a saloon at Diverson, Monday afternoon, Steve Pipof shot and probably fatally wounded Thomas Culosh, of Sherman, and injured Frank Barton and Andy Pipof. Pipof was arrested.

**Amnesty For Politicals.**  
St. Petersburg.—It is currently rumored that Emperor Nicholas' Easter gift to his people will be a proclamation granting general amnesty to political prisoners.

## MISSOURI GLEANINGS.

**Counties Must Bear Whole Burden.**  
Jefferson City.—The opinion rendered by Judge Lamm in the supreme court in the case of the St. Joseph insane asylum affects all the institutions of that character in the state. The asylum there mandated the Buchanan county court to compel that court to allow claims for the care of the indigent insane of Buchanan county, the bills presented including clothing for the inmates of the institution. The circuit court sustained the county court in its refusal to allow such bills, but the supreme court reverses that finding. Every county court in the state would have refused to issue warrants containing like items as those contained in the particular accounts at issue in this case had the trial court been sustained, and there would have been endless trouble. The contention that merely the bare maintenance of the insane was the only expense to be borne by the county, and that the state must provide other necessities, upon which the Buchanan court rested its refusal to pay the bills, is overthrown.

**Interesting Supreme Court Decision.**  
Jefferson City.—The Donovan Commission Co., a St. Louis concern, lost a suit in the supreme court in which \$11,000 was involved, Judge Lamm rendering the opinion. Forged paper to the amount of \$11,000 was passed upon the company some five years ago by a clerk who was then employed in the Clifford bank at Clarksville. The drafts had been forged by this clerk, and were drawn against accounts held by the bank in the Merchants-Laclede national bank in St. Louis. The clerk committing the forgery was not an officer of the bank, nor had the bank knowledge of the forgery at the time. Judge Lamm's opinion says "that if a check or other bill of exchange, or other commercial paper, is shown to have originated in fraud perpetrated against the maker, the burden shifts upon the holder to show that he holds for value without notice of fraud."

**Diver Dies in Missouri River.**  
Jefferson City.—Lee Tobin, a St. Louis diver, was taken from the river and found to be dead. He had come here to remove some obstructions from the lock and dam about four miles above town, and had gone down into the water in his diving bell. He remained so long that there was some uneasiness, and though he had given no signal, he was pulled up.

**Woman Burned to Death.**  
Sedalia.—Mrs. William Gilmore was fatally burned at her home in Smithton. She was sitting beside a stove dressing her baby when her skirt was ignited by a live coal in the ashpans under the stove. In an effort to save her baby she ran to the house of a neighbor. The child escaped without a mark.

**Another Hoodler Set Free.**  
Jefferson City.—John H. Schnettler, fourth of the St. Louis hoodler prisoners released, was greeted at the penitentiary gate by his wife as he came out after having served 18 months of a two-year sentence. He was freed under the three-fours rule.

**"Missouri's Davy Crockett" Dead.**  
Beyler—Michael McGrath, aged 73, died at his residence here. McGrath was known in mining circles as "Missouri's Davy Crockett." He was one of the pioneers who crossed the desert to the gold fields in 1849.

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